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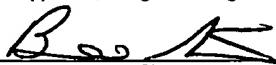
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Serial No. : 09/611,145  
Filed : July 6, 2000  
For : SIGNAL REPRODUCING/RECORDING/TRANSMITTING METHOD  
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Examiner : James A. F. Curcio  
Art Unit : 2122

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Action mailed September 13, 2004, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows.

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Dear Sir:

- Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.  
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

**Claims as Amended**

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	40	Minus	** = 40	* 0 x	\$18 (9)	= \$ 0.00
Independent claims	6	Minus	*** = 6	* 0 x	\$88 (44)	= \$0.00
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$ 0.00

- \* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.  
 \*\* If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.  
 \*\*\* If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$300 (150) has been previously paid ☐, or is paid herewith ☐.
- ☐ This response is being filed within the \_\_\_\_\_ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is attached, which covers the cost of ☐ additional claims \_\_\_\_\_ petition for extension of time.
- ☐ Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.
- ☒ Please charge any additional fees incurred by reason of this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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Respectfully submitted,

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